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All white meats gain in flavor from a delicate onion admixture with the gravy. The onion is to be grated and put over the meat before it has just finished roasting and then blended by basting. In this way one avoids the burnt onion slices, which sometimes result from other methods, and which have, in a way, caused the addition of onion to be regarded with disfavour.

The bits of tongue and ham which do not look well upon the table should be saved and chopped up together for meat pies. Spinach prepared with a butter sauce is mixed with the fragments just before they are put into the chopper. A little tomato ketchup is an improvement. The thickening should be either grated bread or cracker crumbs. The usual pie crust is best, with a little niggardliness in the matter of shortening.

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